

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Laura Avery, of Charlotte, is in the city.

The Exposition is daily attracting great crowds.

Col. Nat. Atkinson, of Asheville, was in the city last Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Holloway, of Wilmington, was in our city this week.

Mr. Thos. White and family of Louisburg, were in the city Thursday.

Mr. S. Hicks, of Kinston, is in the city this week. We were glad to see him.

Mrs. Sarah Kelly, of Kinston, is in the city stopping at Mrs. S. Ellison's.

Rev. Balus Cade, E. W. Limberlake, Esq., are here attending the Exposition.

A. R. Middleton, of Knoxville, is in the city attending the grand lodge of Good Samaritans.

If you will only try Hughes' warehouse with a load of tobacco you will go home happier, sure.

Hughes' warehouse at Louisburg, N. C., is the place to sell tobacco. That's what all the farmers say.

Mr. P. A. Richardson and wife, of Nashville, was here last Wednesday attending the Exposition.

We were pleased to see Hon. George Z. French, of Wilmington, in the city this week attending the Exposition.

W. A. Moore, of New Bern, dropped in to see us one day this week. Mr. Moore is here attending the law department at Shaw.

The supreme grand lodge of Good Samaritans are in session in this city. They had a grand parade last Thursday afternoon.

Capt. C. A. Cook, of Lonsburg, is in the city. We are glad to see that Captain Cook has recovered from a recent attack of sickness.

W. H. Green passed through the city Thursday on his way to Chad Hill to attend the Baptist State Convention now in session at that place.

Jno. S. Lewis, Esq., of Lumberton, is in the city and paid his respects at once by calling at our office. We were indeed glad to see our old friend.

Mr. R. A. Caldwell, of Woodland, called on us Wednesday, and said, "you may send me THE GAZETTE for six months, it is a good paper and I must have it."

Col. Alexander McClure, of Pennsylvania, editor of the Philadelphia Times, addressed a large concourse of people at the Exposition grounds last Thursday.

Rev. G. W. Gibbs called at our office last Wednesday and after paying THE GAZETTE the most highest compliment, said send it to me, and handed over the cash.

Mr. J. S. Hill, of Winston, who have been spending a while in our city returned home last Thursday to attend the marriage of Mr. M. D. Cannon and Miss M. E. Scott.

W. H. Young has returned to the city on a visit, where he will spend a while meeting many of his old friends and have a good time in general. Mr. Young is looking well.

Ex-Gov. Jarvis, who has always been a staunch and warm friend to the colored people, have been invited to deliver an address during the colored weeks of the Exposition.

Henry Smith and Samuel Hawkins, of Louisburg, two of our old friends, are in the city. They say a very large crowd will attend the Exposition during the colored weeks.

Mrs. Pauline Walters, who has been sick for seven weeks and under the skillful treatment of Dr. L. A. Scruggs, we are glad to note that she has been set upon her feet again.

Mr. Jos. A. Butler, ex-mayor of Jamesville, is in the city attending the grand lodge of Good Samaritans. Mr. Butler at one time was elected mayor of Jamesville by the vote of the people.

Don't forget to call on R. H. Rhodes in the City Market for fresh fish and fine oysters. Mr. Rhodes solicits the patronage of the public and guarantees full satisfaction in his line of business.

When some time back we wrote that two colored men in this city had turned perfectly white, and one white man had turned black, it was not generally believed, but the men are here and can be seen any day.

Mr. Benjamin Scott, of Wilmington, an old friend of ours, has been in the city this week attending the Exposition. He paid his respects to THE GAZETTE and said that he would probably be present in November at the great opening of the Negro Fair.

Letters endorsing the colored convention are still pouring in so much that the success of the convention is already assured. It meets in this city Wednesday, Nov. 4th at ten and a half o'clock. Every county will meet in convention and elect delegates to said convention. There will be no trouble for delegates to come, they can get cheap rates and see the great Exposition, also.

## NOTICE!

The North Carolina Annual Conference of the A. M. E. church will sit in St. Paul's A. M. E. church, Raleigh, N. C., on Thursday, Nov. 19, 1891. Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., L. L. D., presiding bishop.

## NOTICE.

All committees and persons interested in the Colored Bank move in North Carolina are requested to meet in the city of Raleigh at 4

October 27th, 1881, at the office Isaac H. Smith, Chairman.

## GREAT NEGRO STATE CONVENTION.

## GRAND OUTPOURING OF EARNEST MEN.

THE MOVEMENT ENDORSED BY LEADING MEN IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE STATE.

Read the following letters:

The State convention of colored men to assemble in this city Wednesday, November 4th, is to be a great and grand affair. The movement has received the hearty approval of the leading men in all sections of the State, as will be seen by the following letters.

Others will follow. We are glad to note this energetic interest on the part of our people in matters pertaining to their social, moral, material and political elevation. We trust and believe that it means a powerful awakening all along the line, and that great good will follow.

But to the letters:

Durham, N. C., Oct. 21, 1881.

Mr. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I thought your letter was answered some time ago. You can use my name in welcome.

Winston, N. C., Oct. 22, 1881.

Dear Mr. Williamson:—Your call for a convention of colored men came to me by due course of mail. You know, my dear sir, that I am no politician and that as to the availability of politics as a lever to lift our people I am probably somewhat skeptical. But if gentlemen whom we have trusted as leaders think it well to convene on political grounds I shall defer to their judgment and withhold any word of discouragement. There is, however, a phase of discussion contemplated as indicated by the issue of THE GAZETTE for the 17th, in which I am profoundly interested and upon which I have been thinking of calling a conference. It is the "social, moral and material elevation" of the colored. If we can make this part of the object prominent I am ready to join with you heartily in securing a large convention, especially if the purposes I had in view in calling a convention can be subserved. I would not object to explaining myself before the convention. I am not of the opinion that my name would add any weight to the call, but if the call can be issued with the above in view you may use my name and count me in hearty accord with anything looking to the "social, moral and material elevation" of our people.

One other thing I wish to refer to, I am with you in making the first week in November notable on the Exposition. The management of the colored department has resolved to lend all energies for a cooperation in this direction. I should be glad to know what you think of my views regarding the convention.

Yours truly, S. G. Atkins.

Morganton, N. C., Oct. 21, 1881.

Hon. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I have just received a circular issued over your signature, calling my attention that it has been deemed wise and proper to hold a convention of colored men of North Carolina November next, and to care for our own interests. I am in favor of this move and permit you the use of my name to said call. Please give or notify me date of call.

Yours very truly, M. V. Blake.

Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C., Oct. 21, 1881.

Hon. John H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Esteemed Friend:—Having received a notice from you of a call for a convention of colored men to meet in Raleigh November, 1891. Allow me to say to you just here that I am with the movement heart and hand, and will try to be present whenever the convention meets. Respectfully,

H. C. Deany.

Louisburg, N. C., Oct. 15, 1881.

Dear Sir:—I am glad to see something for the future. Now I say to you of course I favor the move very much.

Yours, Peyton Green.

Society Hill, S. C., Oct. 16, 1881.

Mr. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—Your letter was received. I will be at Wadesboro, N. C., next Monday. Yes, sir, I favor the call and everything you start at John, for you are always right. You have done more than every man in my State for my race, and I favor the call.

Yours respectfully, J. F. Reid.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 18, 1881.

Kind Sir:—I have received your communication and I am very glad to hear of the idea of the call, and I am free to give my consent. And hoping the convention will be a grand one and better than has ever been in the State of N. C. I would be very glad if the convention could be as soon as possible, anyhow not later than the 17th or 18th. I have nothing more to say. Yours truly,

J. W. Wilson.

Pittsboro, N. C., Oct. 15, 1881.

Hon. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—In reply to yours of 30th ult. suggesting a convention, you have permission to use my name in calling a convention in the city of Raleigh November next; you can do so with pleasure. I spent the night with Mr. Ramsey and he says use his name if you like.

H. S. Sellars.

Asheboro, N. C., Oct. 14, 1881.

Dear Sir:—I received your letter today in regard to the convention. I am in favor of the same. I am expecting to be at the convention as a delegate from my county.

Yours respectfully, C. T. Reed.

Clinton, N. C., Oct. 18, 1881.

My Dear Sir:—Yours to hand and contents carefully noted. I shall write a letter tomorrow. Will say here, the call for a convention, November 4th, meets my hearty approval. Sampson county will be represented. Use my name if you wish to said call.

G. W. Herring.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Oct. 19th, 1881.

Hon. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 30th was duly received, and notwithstanding my delay, I can say I heartily endorse the call for a colored Republican convention. We wish to have a special train to bring several hundred colored people to the Exposition on or about November 4th. Will you please let me know how we can get a train to take us down on the morning of the above named date? Our regular train is too late to take in the Exposition and return the same day.

The Colored Baptist State convention convenes here tomorrow. Many are expected from different parts of the State.

I am yours respectfully, Wilson Caldwell.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 15, 1881.

Hon. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Yours received, contents of circular carefully noticed. In reply will say that the call is a praiseworthy one and especially the question under consideration of the organization of a Protective Tariff League among the colored fellow citizens of this our Old North State.

Now as the call has been made I can't see how my favoring it would make it more binding or add anything whatever, however I will be in your city soon and will see you in person.

Yours truly, H. B. Brown.

Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 16, 1881.

Mr. John H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I have received your circular and I write to say that I am in favor of your proposed convention of colored men, to be held in Raleigh some time in November.

Yours sincerely, J. C. Price.

South Port, N. C., Oct. 24, 1881.

Hon. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I see no reason why I should not favor the action of the convention. I am with you and will give my hearty support.

Yours respectfully, L. E. Edwards.

Franklin, N. C., Oct. 21, 1881.

Hon. J. H. Williamson, editor of THE GAZETTE, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor relative to the call for a convention of colored men, I will say I heartily endorse the call, and you are at liberty to use my name for same. I pray God we will have a full, heated up, and harmonious meeting.

Yours truly, Israel Green.

Weldon, N. C., Oct. 19, 1881.

Dear Sir:—Yours of September 30th received on 13th inst., and would say I heartily endorse the plan of action adopted at the State convention of colored men held in the city of Raleigh in August 1880, and if possible will attend the convention to convene in November next, and for the interest of same.

You are requested to use my name.

Yours for the race, J. H. Howard.

Scotland Neck, N. C., Oct. 14, 1881.

Dear Sir:—You may use my name to the call referred to in your favor of the 30th ult. Respectfully, G. M. James.

Halifax, N. C., Oct. 13, 1881.

Dear Sir:—Your letter is received. I have not time to write a letter. You have permission to use my name to the call for a colored convention. We must learn to think some for ourselves.

Yours for success, Jno. H. Hannon.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 12, 1881.

Mr. Williamson.

Sir:—Yours of Sept. 30th is received, and you have the free consent of the use of my name to the call for a convention of colored men. I heartily endorse the spirit that prompts the movement.

Yours truly, A. Howe.

Warrenton, N. C., Oct. 13, 1881.

Hon. John H. Williamson,

Dear Sir:—Yours to hand and reply I will say to you that I endorse your move.

Very truly, M. F. Thornton.

Hon. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Yours found me here. I heartily favor the movement and will do all that is in my power to make the convention a success. Old Orange will be there. Use my name in the call.

Very respectfully, L. P. Berry.

Kittrell, N. C., Oct. 16, 1881.

Hon. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Your circular of the 30th ult. received and contents noticed. I heartily approve of the call and object of a convention of colored men of North Carolina in November. You are at liberty to use my name and command my service at any time to aid in making said convention a success.

I am ever yours truly, E. W. Turner.

Lumberton, N. C., Oct. 12, 1881.

Hon. John H. Williamson,

Dear Sir:—Your circular of the 30th ult. received and read. I am glad that after due consideration, the colored republicans have seen fit to call a convention. Robeson county will be represented. You can use my name in making the call. Please write by return mail what days Messrs. Douglass and Bruce will be at the Exposition, as a large crowd will attend from this county, provided they know what days those statesmen will be there. Some of our people are getting articles ready to send to the Exposition, and some have sent them. Write me to-morrow.

Yours for success, John S. Lewis.

Fayetteville, N. C., Oct. 13, 1881.

Hon. John H. Williamson,

Dear Sir:—Your circular letter under date of September 30, 1881, relative to the call of a convention of colored men of North Carolina in November next was received.

The time has fully come when we, as colored men and Republicans, should know just exactly where we stand in the party of our choice. That there has been a departure in some quarters in North Carolina from the principles of the Republican party as championed by such men as Sumner, Wilson, Chandler, Stephens, Giddings, Grant, Phillips, Sherman, Conkling and many others who are among the sainted dead, is apparent to all. What we need is a return to the principles of the party which carried it to victory in the past. If we remain silent at this time and not assert our manhood, then we deserve to be consigned to where some wish to relegate us. There was a time when the Democratic party did just as it pleased toward the Irish of the North and the white farmers of the South, but that day has passed. The colored man in the South has stood loyally by the Republican party (the Greenback North State) to the contrary notwithstanding, and when he asked for bread he was given a stone, and when he asked for meat he received a serpent. He was looked upon as a follower, but not as a leader. What we want to do is to meet our white Republican friends in council and see if we can't adjust the differences between us, that harmony may exist. I think this a fair proposition and a better plan than a separate convention.

Your experience and acquaintance with the prominent colored and white Republicans in the State eminently fit you to call them together in council. I favor a conference and not a convention. If our Protective League friends are sincere in their denial of an attempt to form a white man's Republican party in North Carolina, they will meet us for the good of the party. Let the command go down the line from the mountains to the sea—Colored Republicans to the front! Should you, however, call a convention to meet in November next, I shall endeavor to be present and contribute my share in shaping a policy to be pursued by us in North Carolina.

Very respectfully, G. C. Seurlock.

Maxton, N. C., Oct. 13, 1881.

Hon. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 30th ult. to hand; contents carefully noted.

In reply would say that I heartily endorse the move you suggest in reference to the convention of colored men to be held in Raleigh in November. You are at liberty to use my name in connection with the same.

Yours very truly, R. B. Russell.

Editor Blade.

Marion, N. C., Oct. 12, 1881.

Hon. J. H. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Your letter at hand and in reply would say that I am glad to know that we have men of our race in the State of North Carolina whose ever watchful eyes, whose diligent hands and trenchant pens are ever watching and guarding the interests of the colored man. It does seem to me that the white leaders are doing all in their power to get rid of the Negro, and that they are doing it clandestinely is quite obvious to any intelligent mind.

I favor the move, for I believe it is a step in the right direction.

Respectfully, A. Carson.

Concord, N. C., Oct. 13, 1881.

Hon. John H. Williamson, Editor Gazette, Raleigh, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—Yours of the 30th ult. received to-day and would say by way of response that I favor the calling of a convention as there are many questions of interest to the Negro voters of the State that should have their attention in a tangible way. The Negroes of the State should be united and should organize for that purpose. I am, however, uncompromisingly opposed to either a white man's party or a black man's party. I am still an ardent supporter of the "grand old party" as organized by Lincoln, Sumner, etc., and whose grand principles and platform are broad enough to afford solid footing for the whole American people, of which the President of the United States is a true representative.

I favor any and all honorable steps that will have a tendency to further the interest of my people and give new life, if possible, to the "grand old party."

Yours for the race, W. E. Henderson.

Beaufort, N. C., Oct. 15, 1881.

J. H. Williamson, Esq., Editor Gazette, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your letter relative to a convention of the colored Republicans of North Carolina, permit me to say that I am in hearty accord with such a move and will do all I can to make it a success. Mr. S. I. Turner wishes you to accept the same as a reply to the letter sent him.

I am very truly yours, etc., S. A. Blount.

A GOOD MAN GONE.

Alexander Lightfoot was born in Raleigh about the year 1819, and belonged to the late Col. James Taylor, of that city.

In January, 1845, he was married in the Methodist church to Myra, a daughter of the late Moses Patterson, well known in Raleigh. The marriage being upon the eve of the removal of the late Gen. Patterson, to whom his wife belonged he was hired by Gen. Patterson from his then mistress, Mrs. Eliza Taylor, and came with him to his farm on the Yadkin river, in Caldwell county, where he ever after resided.

On the evening of September 8th, 1891, a thrill of horror was felt throughout the community as the tidings were rapidly spread that "Uncle Alick," as he was known to all, had been drawn upon the mill saw while bearing away a piece of lumber, and dreadfully and fatally wounded. The most serious wound was in the right chest, cutting the ribs and tearing the lung. Willing hands bore him to his house, where his wounds were skillfully dressed. All that constant medical care and tender, loving, hands could do, was done for him, and after the first few days it seemed indeed as if there was a chance of his recovery, but blood poisoning supervened, he began sinking, and on Sunday morning, the 20th, he peacefully passed to his rest.

The death of Alexander Lightfoot removes a landmark well known in his neighborhood, and breaks a link binding the present with the past. In his long life he had built up and maintained a character for honesty, truthfulness, benevolence, fidelity to every trust, and Christian zeal, which few men attain to. So great was Gen. Patterson's confidence in him that he was frequently entrusted with large sums of money to and from the bank. During the dark and trying days of the war, and the worse ones succeeding, he was always faithful and true.

His influence with his people was great and exerted in behalf of morality and order. He was a carpenter by trade, and there remains many a monument to his skill and fidelity. It is safe to say that he did, for the poor of the neighborhood, especially of his own race, he received no remuneration. For more than forty years he was a member of the church, converted under the preaching of the Rev. Mr. Edwards in Raleigh. After the war he joined the A. M. E. Church, and was its chief support in his neighborhood. He was mainly instrumental in building the church very near his house, and from which he was buried. Rev. Elder Barham, who conducted the burial services, paid a just tribute to his worth and good works to the large congregation present composed both of white and colored.

He leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters, one of the latter being Mrs. Dunston, of Raleigh, and another the wife of Rev. J. R. Bryan, of Texas, both of whom nursed their father most tenderly during his last illness. This sketch is the tribute of one who knew him well, and who mourns his death as a personal bereavement, a bereavement intensified and rendered the more poignant because the fatal accident occurred while in his service.

A FRIEND.

THE GAZETTE is making arrangements to secure an outfit, and will soon have a well furnished office. We shall then be prepared to do our own work, and job printing of all kinds.

## PROGRAM

OF EXERCISES FOR THE OPENING OF THE FAIR OF THE N. C. INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION AT THE EXPOSITION GROUNDS, THURSDAY, NOV. 5, 1891.

1.—Music.

2.—Prayer, by Rev. C. H. Williamson, pastor First Baptist Church, Oberlin.

3.—Music.

4.—Opening Address, by His Excellency, Thomas M. Holt, Governor of N. C.

5.—Address, by ex-Gov. Thos. J. Jarvis.

6.—Remarks, by President W. C. Coleman and Secretary J. H. Williamson.

7.—Address of Welcome for the State, by Jas. H. Young, City of Raleigh, by Prof. C. N. Hunter, Principal Garfield Graded School, Raleigh.

8.—Responses, by Geo. C. Seurlock, Esq., Postmaster at Fayetteville; Hon. J. S. Leary, Dean Law Dept., Shaw University; Prof. J. R. Hawkins, Principal Kittrell Normal and Industrial School; J. H. Young, Esq., Inspector of Customs, Port of Washington.

9.—Annual Oration, by Hon. H. P. Cheatam.

10.—Our Women—"The Part they Play"—by Mrs. Ada A. Harris.

11.—Hon. Geo. H. White, Solicitor 2d Judicial District, will act as Master of Ceremonies.

13.—Chief Marshal, John Merrick, of Durham, N. C.

Assistants:—L. C. Williams, Franklin; W. M. Graves, Lewis Jones, Willie Caldwell, Fagan Clements, R. W. Millican, J. E. Shepherd, M. F. Thornton, Warrenton; James Jones, Arthur Bunn, Frank Jones, Jacob Norwood, Neuse.